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## TAKES COURT'S HINT AND GETS DIVORCE

**Door Is Slammed in Wife's Face, and Judge Grants Her Plea for Separation From Poet-Teacher.**

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

Winchester, Va., October 16.—Mrs. Nora Virginia Orndorff, wife of E. Summers Orndorff, the teacher-poet of Frederick county, took a hint from the court's recent opinion in her application for divorce, and lost no time in presenting an amended bill a few days ago. The court decided recently that neither was entitled to a divorce, but that if Mrs. Orndorff returned to her husband and was denied admittance she may then apply for relief. She went to the house and had the door shut in her face, and with a bang, too, that could be heard all over the mountainside. She came to Winchester at once, saw her lawyer, and they framed up another bill, which resulted in her getting a limited divorce yesterday. In addition to slamming the door shut in her wife's face, Orndorff has been required to pay her \$350 alimony, relinquish possession of all her personal property and pay all the costs of the suit.

An interesting case in which a non-resident sought to evade the payment of taxes has just been decided by Circuit Judge T. W. Harrison, of Winchester, in the Shenandoah County Circuit Court, at Woodstock, in which Mrs. Frances French was the defendant. In 1907, O. L. Schoonover died in Clearfield county, Pa., leaving a large estate, a portion of which he bequeathed to Mrs. French. Considerable publication was made of her inheritance, and the commissioner of the revenue at Woodstock, to the effect that he had paid Mrs. French \$21,000 in January, 1908. As Mrs. French still refused to give in any assessment and wrote the commissioner from Washington, claiming a residence there since November, 1909, the commissioner finally assessed her with \$20,000 for each of the years 1908, 1909 and 1910. A motion for a correction of the assessment on the ground that she was a non-resident and that, although representing about \$60,000 on her face, the securities were really worthless, was made by Mrs. French's counsel. Judge Harrison held that while a residence in Washington was proven prior to the assessment for 1910, it was not proven as to the preceding years and that the evidence clearly proved that the value of the securities held by Mrs. French was relieved of the assessment for 1910, but that for the years of 1908 and 1909 was allowed to stand. Judgment was accordingly given.

Many of the delegates elected by the Confederate veterans camps in this section of the State are leaving for Norfolk to attend the annual meeting of the Grand Camp of Virginia, and others will leave this city in the morning.

Frank and L. Delaney and C. A. Bringham, of Roanoke, who left that city at daybreak the other morning, declared they would be in Hagerstown, Md., in time for supper the same day, but none believed them until a message came that they had

been accomplished on schedule time. The distance is 240 miles. The best time was made after leaving Staunton, and the motorists came down the Valley pike at a lively rate, slowing up, however, at Mount Crawford in order to escape arrest at the hands of Sergeant Lago, of stop-watch fame. The motorists were not arrested once during the entire trip.

The Cumberland Valley Railroad hauled upwards of 20,000 people from points along its line between Winchester and Harrisburg last week to the Hagerstown fair, and did not have a mishap of any kind until all was over, and then a passenger train yesterday ran down Harmon L. Triggs, a deaf mute, aged nineteen years, near Martinsburg. He was driving cows to pasture, and was walking along the track when the train came around a sharp curve. Engineer John Wright tried to stop the train, but was too late, and the youth was struck in the back and hurled across a fence, killing him instantly. The accident completely unnerved the big engineer, and he almost collapsed.

One of the principal features of the Hagerstown fair last week was the horse show, which was inaugurated several years ago, and although the fair association gets the credit for all the success of the show, credit is due to the Virginia horsemen. Practically every horse entered from Virginia (and they made up nine-tenths of the exhibits) won prizes. Among the winners being Mrs. Allen Potts, of Gordonsville; Bowles Brothers, of Millwood; Kenneth Gilpin, of Boyce; McDonald Stables, of Clarke county; the Leighton horses, from Loudoun, and the Bucklehead Stock Farm horses, from Charlottesville.

Announcement was made last week of the marriage of Miss Eva Carper to Charles Russell, members of well-known Winchester families, which took place recently in Portsmouth. They are now living in Richmond.

The Richmond accountants who were sent for recently by the Board of Supervisors of Rockingham county to go over the books of County Treasurer E. W. Carpenter, have reported that there is still a shortage of \$19,716.60 of the original deficit of \$35,431.41 on August 23, but it is stated that Treasurer Carpenter is arranging to make it good. The treasurer is said to have been too lenient with many property owners, and it has been pointed out that in a number of instances he paid them out of his own pocket, trusting to their honesty for reimbursement, but that some failed to pay him. Efforts are now being made to induce the delinquents to pay the treasurer, so that he can make a final settlement with the county and State.

Stevenson Commandery, No. 3, Knights Templar, of Staunton, was officially inspected on Friday night by Grand Captain-General A. M. Baker, of Winchester, and after the inspection a banquet was held, at which a large number of ladies were present. Speeches were made by Grand Master W. B. McChesney on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Virginia; Captain-General Baker and other prominent

inent Templars.

Now that the Republican State Committee, meeting in Roanoke, has decided to allow both Hugh S. Lupton, of Winchester, and John Paul, of Harrisburg, to be the candidates of that party against Congressman James Hays, the Democratic nominee, in the Seventh District, speculation is rife as to which of the two will get the greatest number of votes, as by that method the committee will determine which is the organization faction—the Lupton element or the Paul faction. A prominent Republican, who is for some unaccountable reason not allied with either faction, declared here to-day that the district leaders would very likely come to some mutual agreement whereby one of the candidates would be selected to receive the largest vote, and in that way practically all the Republicans will be recognized as organization men. They say this will require some clever and smooth work to patch up past differences, but that the Seventh District leaders are experts in that line, and they will do everything to smooth over the past if there is a chance of getting up front at the Federal pie counter.

Delbert Strother, who went to his uncle's farm near Winchester several months ago and took a fine driving horse, without asking for it, and, too, during the small hours of the night, will not go to the penitentiary, for several doctors declared yesterday that he is insane, and he will be sent to a State asylum as an insane criminal.

The administrator of the estate of C. Willis Hodges has effected a satisfactory compromise with the Norfolk and Western Railway of the suit for \$25,000 damages, claimed by the estate because Mr. Hodges, who was a widely-known cattle dealer, was killed by a train near Shepherdstown several months ago. His team began backing over the railroad track near a warehouse, and was struck by a freight train.

Thomas Perry, who was stealing a ride on a Baltimore and Ohio freight several days ago, fell, and both legs were cut off above the ankle, and when found by members of another freight crew a quarter of a mile away from the place, where the accident occurred he asked for the makings of a cigarette and then told his story. The man had picked up his feet, placed them under his arms and crawled up the track until the next train came along. He was brought to a hospital for treatment.

While Colonel Samuel S. Thomas, a prominent landowner of Clarke county, was attending the Hagerstown fair the other day, he received a telegram announcing that his wheat crop of 500 bushels, a large quantity of hay and 200 apple barrels had been burned on his farm near Berryville. His house was also in danger, but the saved by the Berryville firemen with fire-extinguishers.

Charles W. Tanquary, a widely-known Frederick county farmer, is confined to his home near Winchester, suffering from injuries sustained by being run down by a race horse at the Hagerstown fair. He thought the race was over and started across the track, when the last horse ran over him.

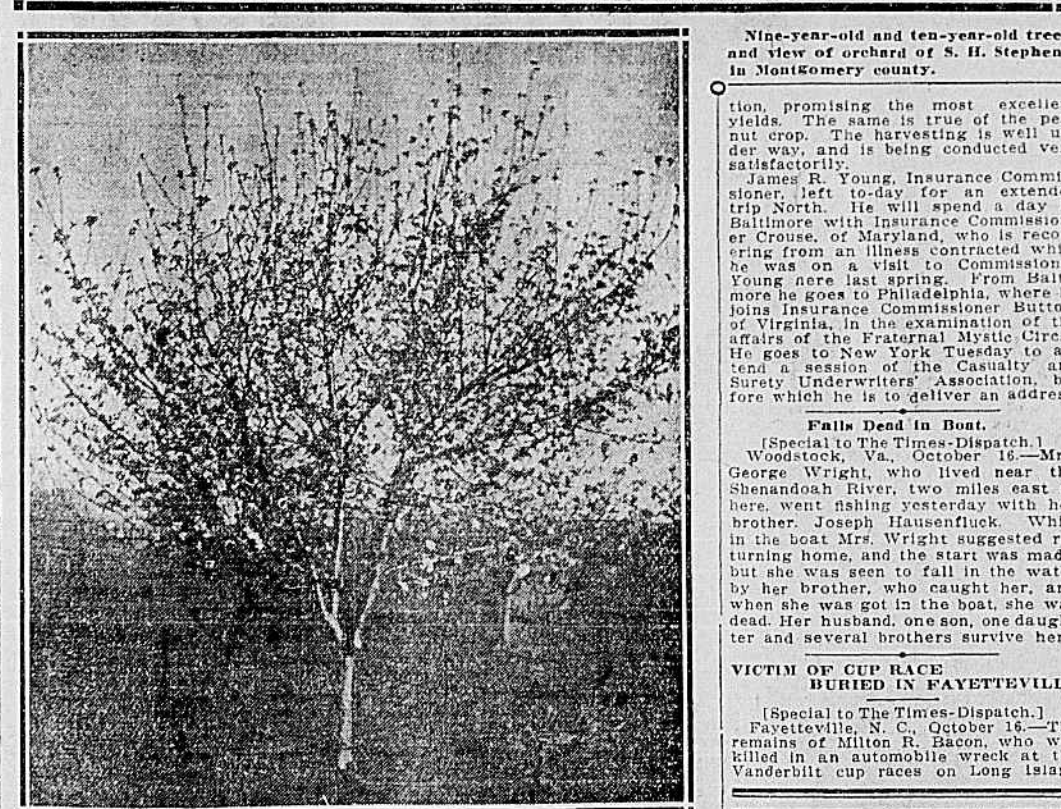
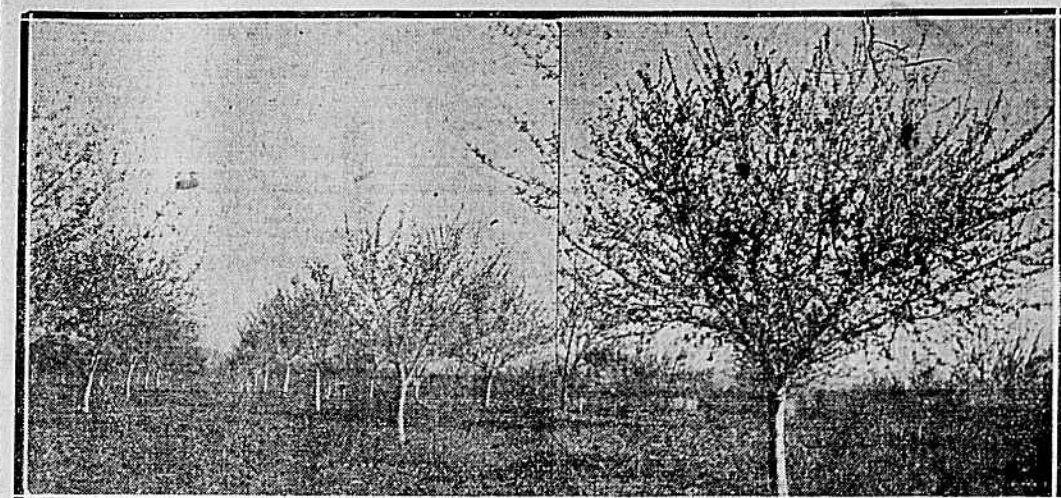
The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, which operates the Valley Railroad of Virginia, between Lexington and Harrisburg, came in for a large amount of general complaint a few days ago on the part of passengers, when the early morning train from Lexington broke down three times between the two terminals. The new performance was repeated the following day. There is a general complaint all over the Shenandoah Valley about the railroad service furnished by the Baltimore and Ohio.

Although the shipment of peaches has fallen off greatly since the latter part of September, many October varieties are now being marketed, and those farmers and other fruit-growers who have money invested in peach trees obtained good prices during the season. Miller Brothers, of Albany, and many Orchard Company, have shipped sixty-five carloads this year, and their last shipment this week was 4,000 baskets. The Park Orchard Company has sent out over 25,000 baskets during the season.

Arrangements have been completed at Berryville, Clarke county, for the fall meeting of the Valley Convocation, which will convene in Grace Episcopal Church on Tuesday evening for a session lasting several days. Rev. W. D. Smith, rector of Christ Church, of Winchester, is dean of the convocation. Delegates will be present from all sections of the lower Shenandoah Valley.

Game wardens along the border counties are now on the lookout for those individuals who have a propensity for seeing how successful they can be in evading the game laws, and violating the provisions of the law will be promptly prosecuted. A number of violations occurred in Frederick county last fall and winter, and those found guilty were heavily fined. A well-known country merchant said that

## Banner Apple Crop of Southwest Virginia Shows Possibilities of Industry in This State



Nine-year-old and ten-year-old trees, and view of orchard of S. H. Stephens, in Montgomery county.

and costs for secreting a large number of quail and pheasants in an egg crate. The entire lot was seized just as it was about to be shipped by express to Philadelphia.

Notwithstanding the congregation of Tabb Street Presbyterian Church, of Petersburg, made arrangements a week ago to install Rev. Charles R. Strilling as its pastor, his services have not as yet been obtained. Rev. Mr. Strilling, who was pastor at Waynesboro, received a call from Petersburg about a year ago and accepted it, but the Lexington Presbytery was prevailed upon not to dismiss him. A few months ago he got a second call, and in due time was dismissed by the presbytery. He had left Waynesboro for Martinsburg, Va., to spend a few days before proceeding to Petersburg, and while in Martinsburg he contracted typhoid fever, recovering only a day or two ago sufficiently to go to Baltimore to consult a specialist about a throat affection.

Bloodhounds have been unable to trace the whereabouts of two prisoners, Jake Delawder and George Whitner, who escaped from the jail at Moorefield the other night. The men are charged with stealing \$500 worth of ginseeng from a man and bringing it to Virginia, where they offered it for sale. Bloodhounds followed the trail for three miles, but then lost it altogether.

Seven men made their escape easily from the Martinsburg jail one night last week by kicking the wall out under a window, where a similar jail delivery was effected several months ago. Nine other prisoners in the same section of the jail did not escape, as they were asleep and knew nothing about what was going on. The jailer was first informed by a small boy, who in passing the jail saw a large hole in the wall.

## TRAVELING LIBRARIES PROVE VERY POPULAR

Campaigns for Establishment of Institutions in Various Parts of State Are Being Urged.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
Fayetteville, N. C., October 16.—The annual meeting of the State Library Commission, just held here, developed the fact that campaigns for the establishment of libraries in various towns of the State are under way, the most recent achievement in this direction being the action of Henderson, on October 5, in formally establishing a town subscription library. The State commission is operating a number of traveling libraries that are being sent into different localities for a season, until the people of the locality have opportunity to read the books. Then they are sent into some other district, mostly in connection with schools where there are not already local rural libraries. The commission determined to continue on an enlarged scale the work of holding institutes for the training of public librarians. The first one ever held in the State was that at the University of North Carolina during the summer, and proved very successful. The commission is composed of Dr. Louis R. Wilson, Chapel Hill, president; Superintendent of Public Instruction J. Y. Joyner, Dr. Charles Lee Smith, Captain M. O. Sherrill and Mrs. Sol Wally. The latter is now traveling in Europe. Miss Minnie W. Leane, a trained librarian, is secretary of the commission. In charge of the Raleigh headquarters, maintained in connection with the State Library here.

Officials of the State prison, just back from the State farms in Halifax county, report that the cotton crop and corn crop are both in very fine condi-

October 1, were buried to-day in Cross Creek Cemetery, this city, the funeral being conducted from St. John's Episcopal Church. Mr. Bacon's mother, wife and child arrived in New York Saturday from Geneva, Switzerland, and, with Mrs. Bacon's parents and the Bacons of Georgia, brought the body to Fayetteville this morning. The funeral was very largely attended, and the floral decorations were profuse and beautiful.

## CHURCH DEDICATED.

Spirited Sermon Preached by Ex-Governor Glenn.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
Raleigh, N. C., October 15.—"On this rock will I build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it," was the text used this afternoon by Ex-Governor R. B. Glenn, for an especially spirited address in connection with the dedication ceremonies for the remodeled and enlarged Tabernacle Baptist Church. The ex-governor reviewed the struggles of the church through past ages and, while expressing confidence that the church will triumph, regretted the fact that something of a cowardly spirit is dominating its members. In that the professed Christians have not the hardihood to stand up as they should against all forms of worldliness. He paid tribute to the work of Tabernacle Church as most nearly conforming heretofore to the ideal of modern church effort. Representatives of all the congregations of the city participated in the exercises. The sermon for the morning service was by Dr. J. W. Finch, of Durham, and for the evening service by Dr. J. J. Hall, of Fayetteville, a former pastor.

The remodeled church has a combined seating capacity of 2,000, and it is a model in artistic design and convenience for all departments of church effort. The congregation has expended \$25,000, bringing to church property up to a valuation of over \$50,000.

## ONE NEGRO KILLS ANOTHER.

After Shooting Murderer Escapes, and Is Still at Large.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
Henderson, N. C., October 15.—Will Simmes, colored, employed at the Corbett Buggy Factory, shot and killed William Winfield, colored, said to be from Lumberton or Winston-Salem, and a painter by trade, Friday. Henderson near the colored Second Baptist Church. Simmes escaped and is at large. Coroner Hardie had an inquest at 10 o'clock this morning. The verminous death from a pistol shot in the hand of Will Simmes.

## Snyder Found Guilty.

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Harrisburg, Va., October 16.—After a trial of four days and nights, Oscar Snyder (white) was fined \$75 and given eight months in jail on the charge of assault and battery. Snyder's victim was Mrs. C. C. Miller (white) seventy-two years old. Minor Hilbert, who was indicted as an accomplice of Snyder, is out on bail of \$1,000, his trial having been postponed until the next term of court.

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